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Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Lt. Gov. John Kerry Tuesday criticized Republican rival Way Spanie for supporting President Reagan's ''undeclared'' war against Nicaragua.

Kerry, a vocal critic of the administration's Central American policies, urged President Reagan to fire Central Intelligence Agency Director William Casey because of the CIA's publication of a training manual for the Nicaraguan anti-government rebels.

''Now we find that the CIA has been involved in the publication and distribution of a book that calls for the hiring of professional criminals and the assassination of judges,'' Kerry said.

''This book is part and parcel of the the undeclared war that Reagan administration has been waging against Nicaragua for the last three years,'' Kerry said.

Shamie was not immediately available for comment, but campaign aide Charles Manning, fired back angrily.

''This is typical of John Kerry shooting off his mouth before the facts are known,'' said Manning. ''John Kerry has shown that he doesn't understand the Central American situation. He thinks our friends are in Nicaragua and our enemies are in El Salvador.''

''I think people are sick and tired of John Kerry, who always wants to blame America first,'' he said.

President Reagan during a debate with Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale Sunday night said the manual was written by an independent consultant in Nicaragua for the CIA.

He said the agency attempted to excise pages of the manual that contained references to assassination or hired criminals.

Reagan said he ordered the CIA to conduct an investigation and anyone found responsible would be fired. He denied the administration supports the use of professional criminals or assassination to carry out its policy.

Manning said Shamie believes ''any probe of this should be independent, whether it's an independent group within the CIA or some other group.''

Kerry asserted, ''It is clear that the CIA has been sponsoring a campaign of terrorism that flies in the face of all of the values our country stands for.''

He also criticized statements by Shamie on the mining of Nicaraguan waters by U.S. directed rebels. He quoted the GOP candidate as saying he did not know whether the U.S. should have submitted to a World Court ruling on the issue.

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''I think it is unacceptable that a candidate for the United States Senate should be so poorly informed about such an important issue,'' Kerry said. ''I deplored the Reagan administration's action when it happened, but Mr. Shamie doesn't even know what he thinks months after the event.''

But Manning said Shamie has said previously he ''deplores'' the mining and ''if he had been in the Senate he would have voted against it.''

''It's too bad John Kerry has such a short memory,'' said Manning.